

# MATRIX 1: Action Points for Mitigating and Preventing VAW

| ACTION POINT  | PRE-ELECTION PHASE   | ELECTION PHASE  | POST-ELECTION PHASE   |
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| <b>1. Mapping and Measuring VAW</b><br><i>(e.g. international and regional organizations, CSOs, national programmes, violence monitoring programmes)</i>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct country-level and regional-level mapping of VAW</li> <li>Include VAW in EMB and electoral security assessments</li> <li>Develop and define indicators</li> <li>Adjust or build upon existing VAW indicators and measurement tools</li> <li>Consider including VAW in relevant SDGs monitoring</li> <li>Consider using crowd-sourcing and data visualization tools</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data collection and verification</li> <li>Adapt and integrate VAW into monitoring tools</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyse results of collection efforts</li> <li>Ensure data aggregation and reporting</li> <li>Identify gaps and refine indicators as needed</li> <li>Include VAW in post-election reports and findings</li> </ul>  |
| <b>2. Integrating VAW into Election Observation and Violence Monitoring</b><br><i>(e.g. international and regional organizations, CSOs, election observers, Women's Situation Room partners)</i>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adapt and integrate VAW into international and domestic election observation</li> <li>Integrate VAW into electoral violence early warning systems</li> <li>Integrate a gender perspective into existing election violence monitoring tools</li> <li>Identify indicators to be measured</li> <li>Include gender sensitivity in observer trainings</li> <li>Ensure VAW is monitored and reported in Women's Situation Rooms and other civil society monitoring programmes (i.e. election and human rights)</li> <li>Develop harmonized data collection and reporting tools</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adapt and integrate VAW into observation tools</li> <li>Aim for gender balance in election observer teams</li> <li>Streamline reporting across Electoral Observation Mission (EOM) groups</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure aggregation and reporting</li> <li>Identify gaps and make recommendations</li> <li>Include gender dimension and human rights-based approach in observation report and findings</li> </ul>   |
| <b>3. Legal and Policy Reform to Prevent and Respond to VAW</b><br><i>(e.g. legislatures and lawmakers, electoral management bodies, international and regional organizations, courts, political parties)</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adoption of laws and policies which define and protect against VAW</li> <li>Adapt existing Eliminating VAW (EVAW) legislation to explicitly provide measures on protecting against VAW</li> <li>Protocols and regulations adopted by EMBs to prevent VAW in the electoral process</li> <li>Election and political party codes of conduct address VAW</li> <li>Provide gender-sensitivity training to the police, adjudicators, judges, lawyers, CSOs etc. who may handle reported cases of VAW</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access to electoral justice for women, and pursue justice for victims</li> <li>Establish methods to safely/confidentially report cases of VAW</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure implementation of laws and policies on VAW</li> <li>Review laws and policies and make adjustments as needed</li> <li>Adjudication of electoral disputes involving VAW</li> <li>Ensure investigation and prosecution of human rights violations and abuses against women in politics</li> <li>Adapt and integrate new victim resources into existing services for VAW</li> </ul> |
| <b>4. Preventing and Mitigating VAW through Electoral Arrangements</b><br><i>(e.g. EMBs, relevant line ministries, security sector/police)</i>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EMBs ensure any violence monitoring or risk assessments include consideration of VAW</li> <li>Train EMB staff on VAW and responses</li> <li>Adopt measures to reduce family voting as needed</li> <li>Integrate VAW into voter education, including raising awareness about ballot secrecy and family voting</li> <li>Relevant unit within EMB tasked with addressing VAW and gender concerns</li> <li>Provide protection for women candidates</li> <li>Training of police and security forces on VAW</li> <li>Increase numbers of women in police forces, including in leadership positions</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider arrangements for ballot secrecy for voters</li> <li>Election day logistics planning sensitive to VAW (gender segregated polling stations, female security guards/sensitized police forces in high risk areas, poll workers sensitized to VAW)</li> <li>Gender-segregated polling stations if required to reduce violence or family voting pressures</li> <li>Deploy female police officers at women-only polling stations</li> <li>Ensure protection of election workers</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post-election review includes gender dimension</li> <li>Enforcement of violations of gender-related offences</li> </ul>  |
| <b>5. Working with Political Parties to Prevent and Reduce VAW</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reach out to all political parties to carry out advocacy work</li> <li>Comply with legislated codes of conduct and sensitize party members</li> <li>Adopt own code of conduct as needed</li> <li>Update party regulations and statutes to address VAW</li> <li>Monitoring and enforcement of party policy and practices on VAW</li> <li>Ensure transparent candidate selection rules and access to political finance</li> <li>Introduce issue of VAW to trainings and voter outreach materials and efforts</li> <li>Encourage adoption of a public joint statement by political parties committing to comply with codes of conduct and human rights</li> <li>Train party agents/observers to monitor VAW</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recruit and deploy more women as political party agents</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure women elected representatives are supported in their functions</li> <li>Ensure no women forced to resign seats in favour of men</li> </ul>  |
| <b>6. Raising Awareness and Changing Norms</b><br><i>(e.g. legislators and parliamentary networks, CSOs, media, men, international and regional organizations)</i>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awareness raising campaigns to prevent VAW</li> <li>Adapt training programmes to introduce VAW</li> <li>Civic outreach materials are adapted to the issues of VAW</li> <li>Commitment to report on VAW in the media</li> <li>Capacity building for media on VAW</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capacity building for media on VAW</li> <li>Media monitoring for gender bias</li> <li>Engage with men as allies and influential advocates</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identification of lessons learned</li> <li>Adopt civic education to inform the public and opinion-makers about VAW</li> <li>Penalties and sanctions for media violations</li> <li>Engage with legislators and parliamentary networks</li> </ul>  |



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